

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Re: LCP Chemical Superfund Site, Linden, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Diamond:

This is in response to your letter dated April 1, 1999 which I received today.

If you are interested in obtaining copies of responses to EPA Requests for Information under CERCLA, please submit a FOIA request at your earliest convenience.

Please be advised that EPA is not required to maintain NJDEP files. If you are interested in obtaining documents from NJDEP files, you should contact NJDEP directly.

Other documents such as EPA *internal* memoranda relating to the Site and correspondence between NJDEP and EPA which you believe to be absent from the Site file are either protected by deliberative privilege or do not exist.

In essence, on a very short notice, the Records Center Staff made available to you all non-confidential/non-privileged information that is open to the public. Please note that the Site files are periodically updated to include additional documents.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at 212-637-3148.

Very truly yours,

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cc: P. Simmons